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International application No. PCT/AU99/00714	International filing date (day month year) 02 September 1999 (02.09.99)			
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant CONNOLLY, Michael				
1. This international preliminary Authority and is transmitted to			International Preliminary Examining	
2. This REPORT consists of a to	tal of 3 sheets, incl	uding this cover sheet.		
This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).  These annexes consist of a total of sheet(s).				
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:				
I X Basis of the report				
	II Priority			
III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability				
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V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
VI Certain documen	VI Certain documents cited			
VII Certain defects in	s in the international application			
VIII Certain observations on the international application				
Date of submission of the demand 16 March 2000		Date of completion of the report 4 July 2000		
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Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-29	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-29	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-29	YES
	Claims	NO

2 Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Citations:-

- (a) US 4988192
- (b) US 4973158
- (c) DE 4406914
- (d) DE 19637812

US 4988192 shows a laser level apparatus with the features of claim 1, except the laser projects along the third axis, then is deflected transverse to the third axis by a prism. Citations b,c and d show laser level devices with a laser rotated and projecting light transverse to the axis of rotation. It would not require an inventive step to arrive at the invention of claim 1 by combining US 4988192 with the other documents. The obvious advantages of the laser arrangement of citations b,c & d could easily be incorporated in US 4988192 by a skilled worker in the art.

DE 4406914 shows a laser level apparatus with the features of claim 1 except for platform means supported on a body and pivotable about a first axis. However, a person using the device of DE 4406914 would realise that it would be advantageous to mount the device for rotation about a first axis as in claim 1. Claim 1 lacks inventive step in the light of DE 4406914 alone. It would also be obvious to use the rotatable laser mounting of DE 4406914 with a three axis supporting arrangement of US 49188192 as mentioned in the above paragraph.

Claims 2-29 add features which would be obvious to a person skilled in the art of laser level devices, some of these features being disclosed in citations a to d in combination.

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International application No. PCT/AU99/00714

International filing date 2 September 1999

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2 September 1998

Applicant

CONNOLLY, Michael



- The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
- 2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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Category.*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
	DE 19637812 A1 (BITZER) 26 March 1998	
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CHAPTER II

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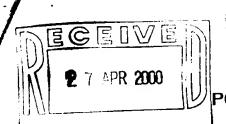
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## INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED OFFICES NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.3)

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To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year)

17 April 2000 (17.04.00)

Applicant's or agent's file reference

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

International application No. PCT/AU99/00714

International filing date (day/month/year)

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**Applicant** 

CONNELLY, Michael

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

AP:GH,GM,KE,LS,MW,SD,SL,SZ,UG,ZW

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2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

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3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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**★DE 19637812-A1** 

Horizontal or vertical laser level - has rotating laser beam system with laser diode and collimator on motor shaft and laser power and motor rotational frequency giving visible line on target surface in daylight conditions

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The device comprises a rotating laser beam system. A laser diode (LD) and collimator (K) are located on the shaft (W) of a motor so that they rotate with it. The rotational frequency of the motor and the power of the laser beam are chosen so that in daylight a visible line appears on the surface targeted by the laser beam.

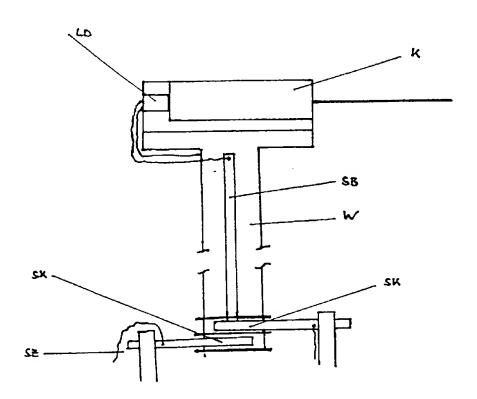
The height of the visible horizontal line generated can be adjusted by mechanical means. The power supply to the laser diode can be by slip rings

USE - For lining up windows horizontally or street lamp standards vertically and similar operations.

ADVANTAGE - Eliminates the need to use spirit levels with motor suspension designed to facilitate setting the laser beam in horizontal and vertical positions. (5pp Dwg.No.2/2)

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**★DE 4406914-A1** 

Laser theodolite - has laser carrier with laser head on motor driven shaft, auxiliary laser with alignment beam

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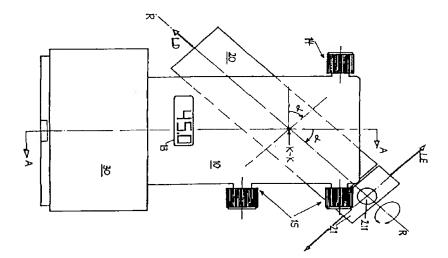
The laser theodolite has a laser carrier (20) rotatably mounted on a horizontal tilt axis (K-K). Its laser output beam (LE) is rotatable in the plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (R-R) of the laser carrier. The carrier has a laser head (21) rotatable in the plane of the laser output beam, and which contains a laser diode and alignment optics (211).

The laser carrier contains an additional laser parallel to its longitudinal axis with an alignment beam (LD) perpendicular to the laser output beam. The laser head sits on a motor driven drive shaft on the longitudinal axis. The shaft can be driven by the motor via a belt.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The structural cost of a laser theodolite associated with the installation and adjustment of a rotation prism is eliminated and heightened user friend-liness achieved. (5pp Dwg.No.1/2)

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## NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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16 March 2000 (16.03.00)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Priority date (day/month/year)

International application No. PCT/AU99/00714

International filing date (day/month/year)
02 September 1999 (02.09.99)

02 September 1998 (02.09.98)

**Applicant** 

CONNELLY, Michael

 Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice: AU,CN,EP,JP,KP,KR,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE,AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,CA,CH,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,EA,EE,ES,FI,GB,GD,GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IL,IN,IS,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,LV,MD,MG,MK,MN,MW,MX,NO,NZ,OA,PL,

PT,RO,RU,SD,SE,SG,SI,SK,SL,TJ,TM,TR,TT,UA,UG,UZ,VN,YU,ZA,ZW
The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

 Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 16 March 2000 (16.03.00) under No. WO 00/14480

#### REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

#### REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the **national phase**, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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## PATENT COUPERATION TREA

# PCT 09/786424 INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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VII Certain defects in	Certain defects in the international application						
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Date of submission of the demand 16 March 2000		Date of completion of the July 2000	he report				
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I.	Basis of the report
1	With regard to the elements of the international application:*
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2	With regard to the <b>language</b> , all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:  The language of a target latin formished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 22 1(b))
	the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
	the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
	the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).
3.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:
	contained in the international application in written form.
	filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
	furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
	furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
	The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
	The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished
4	The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
	the description, pages
	the claims, Nos.
	the drawings, sheets/fig.
5,	This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**
*	Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).  Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

<b>V.</b>	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
	Statement	2-	•		
	Novelty (N)	Claims	YES		
		Claims 1-29	NO		
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES		
		Claims 1-29	NO		
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-29	YES		
		Claims	NO		

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

#### Citations:-

- (a) US 4988192
- (b) US 4973158
- (c) DE 4406914
- (d) DE 19637812

US 4988192 shows a laser level apparatus with the features of claim 1, except the laser projects along the third axis, then is deflected transverse to the third axis by a prism. Citations b,c and d show laser level devices with a laser rotated and projecting light transverse to the axis of rotation. It would not require an inventive step to arrive at the invention of claim 1 by combining US 4988192 with the other documents. The obvious advantages of the laser arrangement of citations b,c & d could easily be incorporated in US 4988192 by a skilled worker in the art.

DE 4406914 shows a laser level apparatus with the features of claim 1 except for platform means supported on a body and pivotable about a first axis. However, a person using the device of DE 4406914 would realise that it would be advantageous to mount the device for rotation about a first axis as in claim 1. Claim 1 lacks inventive step in the light of DE 4406914 alone. It would also be obvious to use the rotatable laser mounting of DE 4406914 with a three axis supporting arrangement of US 49188192 as mentioned in the above paragraph.

Claims 2-29 add features which would be obvious to a person skilled in the art of laser level devices, some of these features being disclosed in citations a to d in combination.